

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method for aggregating and satisfying demand for items, the method comprising the steps performed by a data processing system, of:

aggregating information reflecting demand for an item based on input requests associated with the item, each request having been received from a remote user and including remote user identification information;

providing the aggregated information to a plurality of suppliers, each capable of supplying the item without also providing remote user identification information from the requests;

receiving at least one proposed response from at least one of the suppliers, including a proposal for providing the item to the remote user; and

providing the proposed response to the remote user based on the remote user identification information.

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2. A method for aggregating and satisfying demand for travel products, the method comprising the steps performed by a data processing system, of:

aggregating information reflecting demand for a set of travel products based on input requests, each request having been received from a remote user and including remote user identification information;

selecting a group travel product based on the aggregated information; and

providing information reflecting the group travel product to the remote user based on the remote user identification information.

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3. The method of claim 2, wherein the step of selecting a group travel product based on the aggregated information includes the substeps of:

providing the aggregated information to a plurality of travel product suppliers;

and

receiving responses from a set of the travel product suppliers, each response including information reflecting a proposed group travel product, wherein each proposed group travel product reflects a discount for the corresponding travel product that is determined based on the aggregated information,

and wherein the step of providing information reflecting the group travel product to the remote user based on the remote user identification information includes the substep of:

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5. A system for aggregating and satisfying demand for travel products, comprising:

a processor for executing programs; and

a memory for storing a program executable by the processor, the stored program including instructions for (i) aggregating information reflecting demand for a set of travel products based on input requests, each request having been received from a remote user and including remote user identification information, (ii) selecting a group travel product based on the aggregated information, and (iii) providing information reflecting the group travel product to the remote users based on the remote user identification information.

6. The system of claim 5, wherein selecting a group travel product based on the aggregated information includes (a) providing the aggregated information to a plurality of travel product suppliers, and (b) receiving responses from a set of the travel product suppliers, each response including information reflecting a proposed group travel product, wherein each proposed group travel product reflects a discount for the corresponding travel product that is determined based on the aggregated information, and wherein providing information reflecting the group travel product to the remote users based on the remote user identification information includes (a) transmitting travel option information related to at least one of the proposed group

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travel products to a set of the remote users based on the aggregated information.

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7. A computer readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method for aggregating and satisfying demand for items, the method comprising:

aggregating information reflecting demand for an item based on input requests associated with the item, each request having been received from a remote user and including remote user identification information;

providing the aggregated information to a plurality of suppliers, each capable of supplying the item without also providing remote user identification information from the requests;

receiving at least one proposed response from at least one of the suppliers, including a proposal for providing the item to the remote users; and

providing the proposed response to the remote users based on the remote user identification information.

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SUB AB > 8. A computer readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method for aggregating and satisfying demand for travel products, the method comprising:

aggregating information reflecting demand for a set of travel products based on input requests, each request having been received from a remote user and including remote user identification information;

selecting a group travel product based on the aggregated information; and

providing information reflecting the group travel product to the remote users based on the remote user identification information.

9. The computer readable medium of claim 8, wherein selecting a group travel product based on the aggregated information includes:

providing the aggregated information to a plurality of travel product suppliers; and

receiving responses from a set of the travel product suppliers, each response including information reflecting a proposed group travel product, wherein each proposed group travel product reflects a discount for the corresponding travel product that is determined based on the aggregated information,

and wherein providing information reflecting the group travel product to the remote users based on the remote user identification information includes:



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10. A method for aggregating and satisfying demand for items, the method comprising the steps performed by a data processing system, of:

receiving information reflecting demand for a set of items by a plurality of users;

accessing a memory for information on a plurality of suppliers and their offerings to identify suppliers having offerings capable of satisfying the demand;

generating one or more package responses, each package response reflecting offerings of at least one of the identified suppliers;

notifying each of the plurality of users of each package response using stored information identifying a location to address any package responses to each of the user.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

receiving a purchase commitment from a first user of the plurality of users, including information identifying a package response selected by the first user and payment information identifying the first user's selected form of payment for the selected package response.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

notifying the supplier associated with the selected package response the



notifying each of the plurality of users of each package response using stored information identifying a location to address any package responses to each of the user.

receiving a purchase commitment from a first user of the plurality of users, including information identifying a package response selected by the first user and payment information identifying the first user's selected form of payment for the selected package response.

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means for notifying each of the plurality of users of each package response using stored information identifying a location to address any package responses to each of the user.

17. The system of claim 16, further comprising:  
means for receiving a purchase commitment from a first user of the plurality of users, including information identifying a package response selected by the first user and payment information identifying the first user's selected form of payment for the selected package response.

18. The system of claim 17, further comprising:  
means for notifying the supplier associated with the selected package response  
the purchase commitment.

means for notifying each of the plurality of users of each package response using stored information identifying a location to address any package responses to each of the user.

means for receiving a purchase commitment from a first user of the plurality of users, including information identifying a package response selected by the first user and payment information identifying the first user's selected form of payment for the selected package response;

means for notifying the supplier associated with the selected package response

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